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For: DIAGNOSIS OF CHRONIC OBSTRUCTIVE PULMONARY
DISEASE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action on the merits, the Applicants request entry of the following amendment.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claims as follows:

- Sub B2
1. (Amended) A method of determining the severity of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) in a patient which comprises measuring the concentration of soluble E-cadherin in a sample of the patient's urine or blood serum and determining the extent of severity by reference to a correlation graph which correlates Forced Expiratory Volume in the first second of expiration (FEV1) with soluble E-cadherin concentration.
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